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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: STATUS OF AMCITS

- 1. AS REPORTED IN SITREP 65 (KINSHASA 5022), LOCAL PRESS, IN ADDITION TO REPORTING FALL OF KAPANGA TO FAZ FORCES, NOTED THAT AMERICAN MISSIONARY DOCTOR HAS BEEN TAKEN BY INVADERS IN THEIR RETREAT. ACCORDING TO REPORT BY ZAIRIAN DOCTOR WHO WAS IN KAPANGA DURING HOSTILE OCCUPATION, AMERICAN DOCTOR WAS ACCUSED BY INVADERS OF BEING IN THE PAY OF FAZ BECAUSE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION HE HAD FURNISHED.
- 2. WE SUSPECT DOCTOR IN QUESTION TO BE DOCTOR ESCHTRUTH WHO, FOR A WHILE, WAS ALLOWED BY INVADERS TO CONTACT METHODIST MISSIONARY CENTER IN LUBUMBASHI DURING EARLY DAYS OF INVASION.
- 3. AT PRESENT, FATE OF AMCITS AND "AMERICAN DOCTOR" IS STILL UNKNOWN AS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT CONTINUE TO BE FRAGMENTARY. EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY CHECKING ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES, DDN, ZAIRIAN PRESS, FONAFFS, AND MISSIONARY REPRESENTATIVES, CONCERNING AMCITS LOCATED IN KAPANGA AND SANDOA DURING HOSTILE OCCUPATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. IN LIGHT OF ABSENCE OF CONCRETE DETAILS ON AMERICAN MISSIONARIES, EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE: QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES WHO WERE IN THE RECAPTURED TOWNS OF SANDOA AND KAPANGA? ANSWER: THE METHODIST MISSIONARY REPRESENTATIVES IN ZAIRE STILL DO NOT HAVE WORD ON THE STATUS OF THEIR

MISSIONARIES IN KAPANGA OR SANDOA. THE EMBASSY IN KINSHASA IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS FROM GOZ AUTHORITIES.
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